

WINTER MAINTAINS ICY GRIP

By Carolyn Walker

Winter temperatures dealt Kentuckians another blow Thursday when frigid polar air behind a cold front moved across the state. The subzero temperatures kept the snow and ice around through the weekend and into the beginning of this week. A second

round of snow Friday added another 1 1/2 inches to the approximately 12 inches from the Feb. 16 storm.

City schools were closed the entire week of Feb. 16. Although district maintenance personnel removed snow from the parking lots and streets next to the campus, some areas, especially around apart-

ment and housing complexes where school buses have to travel, were still “treacherous,” Superintendent Lenny Whalen said.

According to Whalen, the schools experienced some leaking as a result of drains on the roof freezing. Some ceiling tiles were lost, but the damage was minimal. Whalen said

head custodian Heath Burden pushed snow off the junior high building before Friday’s snow which helped, but the additional accumulation and refreezing made the situation very difficult.

“Our maintenance and custodial crews did a super job getting our campus clear. Everyone worked very hard,”

Whalen said.

The winter weather has left the district with several school days to make up. One day will be made up in March, and Whalen said he is looking at options for making up the others. He will work with the administration to develop a plan.

For now, everyone is glad to be back in school this week. Attendance was above 95 percent Monday and Tuesday.

“We’re running pretty strong right now,” Whalen said.

The Kentucky Mesonet reported the state’s coldest temperature Thursday at minus 22 degrees at two locations — near Elkton in Todd County and near Cynthiana in Harrison County. All regions of the state recorded subzero temperatures that day. The hot spot was Hickman in Fulton County with a low of 3 degrees above zero.

Crews from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet have been working for more than a week to clear highways and improve driving conditions. The KYTC is hoping for a few hours of sunshine to warm pavement temperatures and help activate salt and ice-fighting chemicals. Any areas where moisture remains on the road can potentially refreeze, creating pavement frosting or black ice.

The only significant flooding issue reported in the district was on Ky. 109 in Hopkins County. Water Over Road signs have been put up due to a water-covered section between the 6 and 8 mile markers between Dawson Springs and Providence.

The cold wave and pre-



FRIDAY night’s snow and freezing rain left city streets ice covered Saturday morning. However, following warmer temperatures and a steady rain Saturday, the slushy streets were able to be plowed. Brian Sizemore, a city employee, operates the city’s new dump truck which is equipped with a salt spreader and plow.

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TO PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLES

City Pursues Grant Funds

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs City Council met Thursday after postponing the regularly scheduled Feb. 16 meeting because of inclement weather.

The council unanimously approved a resolution to support the LIFT legislation introduced during the 2015 General Assembly. Mayor Jenny Sewell emphasized the benefits of the local option income

tax which allows communities to vote for a temporary tax of approximately 1 cent to fund specific projects. The tax would be removed when the project was completed.

A resolution giving Sewell authority to pursue a USDA grant to purchase police vehicles was also approved as was a resolution allowing the mayor to sign an agreement with the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

for mutual aid and assistance. Both passed with a unanimous vote.

Announcements included the following:

•Bo Hester will attend a safety conference in Lexington March 10–13.

•A Pennyrile Nature Trail Hike is scheduled for March 14.

•The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 7 p.m. March 16.

WILL CONSIDER REFINANCING BONDS

School Board Meets Tuesday

By Carolyn Walker

The February meeting of the Dawson Springs Board of Education was held at 5 p.m. yesterday, postponed from Feb. 16 because of bad weather. Due to deadlines, The Progress was unable to cover the meeting for this week’s edition.

Among the items on the

agenda were first readings of policy revisions for a drug- and alcohol-free school and procedures for nonresident student admissions; approval of the treasurer’s report; and approval to use Herbert Pritchett and Associates to appraise the preschool building.

A special meeting of the Dawson Springs Independent School District Finance

Corporation was scheduled to take place during the regular meeting. The purpose of that meeting was to consider adopting a resolution authorizing the issuance of school building refunding revenue bonds to refinance the prior Series 2006 bonds.

A complete account of the meetings will appear in next week’s paper.



ALEX MATHIS had makeup applied by Callie Menser in preparation for the upcoming Mr. Dawson Springs pageant sponsored by the senior class. The event is Saturday evening in the multi-purpose room at the local school.

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LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 2/25	Thu 2/26	Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28	Sun 3/1
38/24	32/9	26/11	36/28	51/37
Partly cloudy skies in the morning will give way to cloudy skies during the afternoon.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the upper single digits.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 20s and lows in the low teens.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the upper 20s.	Afternoon rain developing. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

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Health Officials Say Ky. Is Well-Protected From Measles

By Mary Meehan
Lexington Herald-Leader

About 1,000 school-aged children in Kentucky, a little less than 1 percent, are exempt from being vaccinated for medical or religious reasons, but state officials say the commonwealth remains well-protected from the measles.

Overall about 96.4 percent of school-aged children in Kentucky have been vaccinated, according to statistics from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. While 981 school-aged children in Kentucky have exemptions, there are 3,060, or 2.7 percent more students who don't have the required paperwork on file to prove they have been vaccinated.

A parent or guardian must fill out a sworn statement to obtain a religious exemption. A licensed medical provider must sign a statement for the medical exemption.

Still, the state's overall rate of vaccination exceed standards for what

is called "herd immunity," which, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is the point when a population reaches a certain level of vaccination — 90 to 95 percent of the total population — that makes it more difficult for a disease to spread.

Vaccination has been a hot topic in recent weeks after measles spread from Disneyland in California to 102 people in 14 states. The measles were effectively eliminated in 2000, according to the CDC, but last year the United States had, 644 cases in 27 states, the most since 2000.

There have been no reported cases of measles this year and Kentucky has not been directly affected by the outbreak tied to Disneyland, according to the state Department of Public Health.

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul created controversy when he said recently that vaccination should not be mandatory but voluntary. Paul, considered a presidential hope-

ful, backed away from the firestorm surrounding those comments on Tuesday when he rolled up his sleeve for a vaccination photo-op and declared his children had been vaccinated.

The official government line about vaccination is firm: They are safe and effective.

"Sen. Paul sets policy," said Dr. Rice Leach, Lexington Fayette-County's Commissioner of Public Health.

"As a public health physician I support the requirement that children be immunized against vaccine preventable diseases where the benefits far outweigh

the risks," Leach said. "Measles vaccination is one of those situations where the benefit is far greater than the risk."

Leach, who will be 75 in April, said members of his generation remember vividly the impact of measles on their family and friends. As that trauma gains distance, people aren't as attuned to the risks of the disease, he said. It's not just the unvaccinated who are at risk from the disease, but also people like himself who have a suppressed immune system because of chronic illness. Leach is currently undergoing chemotherapy for a recurrence of cancer.

As a state with high rates of chronic illness, Kentucky has a large population of people at potential risk, Leach said.

According to the state Department of Public Health, measles is highly infectious and can lead to serious health complications, such as pneumonia or encephalitis, and even death. Children younger than five and adults older than 20 are at high risk of getting a serious case of measles. About one in four unvaccinated people who get measles will be hospitalized. About one in 500 may die.

If someone thinks they have the measles, they should seek medi-

cal attention, said Katie Myatt, epidemiology coordinator for Fayette County. If it appears measles is present, the health department must be notified within 24 hours. Then an investigation begins.

If there is a chance the person has been infected with measles, the health department will determine and notify those people who may have come in contact with the infected person shortly before the symptoms appeared. If a measles diagnosis is confirmed, she said, she and other health workers will call those with exposure and make sure they have access to proper medication.



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Athaliah Killed and Joash Anointed King of Judah
II Kings 11; II Chronicles 22, 23

When Athaliah saw that her son Ahaziah was dead she destroyed the whole royal family of the house of Judah except Joash. Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah stole Joash away from among the royal princes and put him and his nurse in a bedroom hiding him from Athaliah. He remained hidden with them at the temple of God for six years while Athaliah ruled the land.

In the seventh year of Athaliah's reign Jehoiada the priest and husband of Jehosheba sent commanders throughout Judah to gather the Levites and heads of families to Jerusalem where they made a covenant with the king at the temple of God. Jehoiada told them that, "the king's son shall reign, as the LORD promised concerning the descendants of David." He led the priest and Levites in anointing Joash as their king, placed the crown on him, presented him with a copy of the covenant and proclaimed him king. Athaliah heard the noise of the people cheering the king and went to them at the temple of the LORD. There she saw the king, standing by his pillar at the entrance with the officers and the trumpeters beside him. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, and singers with musical instruments were leading the praises. Athaliah tore her robes and shouted, "Treason! Treason!" Jehoiada sent commanders to bring her out telling them not put her to death at the temple of the LORD. They seized her as she reached the entrance of the Horse Gate on the palace grounds, and there they put her to death.

Jehoiada made a covenant that he and the people and the king would be the LORD's people. They tore down the temple of Baal and smashed the altars and idols and killed Mattan the priest of Baal.

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Drug Investigation Leads To Arrests Of Two Men

Two men were arrested Feb. 19 by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department as a result of an investigation into drug trafficking in the area. Detectives from the sheriff's office and the Madisonville Police Department VICE/Narcotics Units located Tanner Baldwin, 19, at 20 David Knight Road in White Plains. Baldwin was placed under arrest for two existing bench warrants for failure to appear on two prior drug charges. He was also found to be in possession of a significant amount of synthetic drugs and was charged with possession of synthetic canna-

binoïd. Kevin Lear, 38, who resides at the White Plains address, was seen attempting to hide a large plastic bag of suspected synthetic drugs underneath a vehicle. A large amount of synthetic drugs, packaging materials, paraphernalia and cash recovered from Lear were found to be the direct result of drug sales. Lear was charged with drug trafficking and tampering with physical evidence. Both Baldwin and Lear were lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following food service establishment inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department through Feb. 18.

- Acapulco Mexican Grill — 87 (follow-up required)
- Violations for soiled wiping cloths not in sanitizer, eggs improperly stored in cooler, cooler door gasket in need of repair, thermometers not found in some cooling units, no soap at hand sink and hot water not working at prep sink.
- Acapulco Mexican Grill (follow-up) — 97
- Violations for cooler door gasket in need of re-

pair and thermometers not found in some cooling units.

- Ponderosa — 96
- Violations for box of chicken patties stored on floor in walk-in freezer, debris buildup on can opener and low hot water pressure in women's restroom.
- South Hopkins Middle School Café — 100
- South Hopkins Middle School Food Concession — 99
- Violation for liquid spillage beneath refrigerator.
- Brighton Cornerstone — 100
- Browning Springs Middle School Café — 100

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following report last week:

- Ashley R. Collier, 18, Dawson Springs, was charged Feb. 19 with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury.

A local resident was charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department:

- Morgan T. Crayne, 39, 420 Goodaker Lane, was charged Feb. 11 with nonpayment of fines on a Hopkins County warrant.



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OBITUARIES

Services Held Sunday For Alice Faye Inglis

A memorial service for Alice Faye Inglis, 69, was held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church in Madisonville. The Rev. Dale A. Carden officiated. Burial with a graveside service was at 2 p.m. Monday at Rosedale Cemetery with the Rev. Junior Lisanby officiating. Beshear Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Inglis died Feb. 17, 2015, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

She was born Nov. 13, 1945, in Hopkins County to Christine Fields Wyatt Miller and the late Loyd J. Wyatt Jr.

She was the Ministry Activities Coordinator for the First United Methodist Church in Madisonville for several years. She was a lifetime member and served as president of the PTA.

In addition to her fa-



ALICE FAYE INGLIS

ther, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles David Inglis, Jan. 4, 2002; a brother, Eugene Wyatt; and a half brother, Michael Wyatt.

Survivors include her mother, Christine Miller of Lebanon, Tenn.; two sons, Greg Inglis of Madisonville and David Inglis of Georgetown; a brother, James Thomas Wyatt of Madisonville; a half sister, Elaine Wilson of Lebanon, Tenn.; and two grandsons.

Services Held Monday For Agnes Jenkins, 73

The funeral for Agnes Paulean Jenkins, 73, of Dawson Springs, was held yesterday in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville.

Brother Jim Lantrip and Brother Laddie Pride officiated. Burial was in New Beulah Cemetery.

Mrs. Jenkins died Feb. 14, 2015, at her home.

She was born April 1, 1941, in Dawson Springs, to the late Gerthie Dockery Mathes and William Floyd Mathes.

She was a member of Pleasant View Baptist

Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Kay Jenkins Friend.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Cleatus Jenkins; a daughter, Charlotte Arnold of Madisonville; a brother Carmon Mathes of Beulah; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were David Arnold, Stephen Arnold, Brian Arnold, Dan Overton, Dale Mathes and Nathan Tapp.

Graveside Service Sunday For Jerry Lynn Bean, 50

A graveside service for Jerry Lynn Bean, 50, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Christian Privilege Cemetery. A meal and remembrance service will follow at the Outreach Center of St. Charles.

Bean died Feb. 21, 2015, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born March 18, 1964, to the late Paul and Helen Earl Bean. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include a daughter, Samantha Maerz of Madisonville; three sisters, Barbara Beach of Madisonville, Sharon Bean of St. Charles and Janice Royal of Ilsley; three broth-



JERRY BEAN

ers, Richard Vandiver of Union Temple, James Bean of Dawson Springs and Luther Bean of Nortonville; and two grandchildren.

Online condolences may be sent to beshearfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements Pending For James Dockery, 78

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Springs. Dockery died Feb. 24, 2015, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

Arrangements Pending For Barbara Cranor, 68

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Springs. Mrs. Cranor died Feb. 24, 2015, at Baptist Health Madisonville.



CARLTON McCUISTON takes a ride at the end of South Main Street Monday, Feb. 16.

Services Are Today For Cleatus 'Sparky' Glover

A service for Cleatus H. "Sparky" Glover, 96, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Dawson Springs, will be held at 1 p.m. today at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. until the funeral hour.

The Rev. Cliff Jones will officiate. Burial with military honors conducted by the U.S. Navy Guard will be in Shy Flat Tabernacle Cemetery.

Glover died Feb. 12, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio.

He was born Dec. 13, 1918, to the late Floyd H. and Daisy May Bennett Glover.

He proudly served as a U.S. Navy Seabee in World War II, after which he worked with his father in the trucking industry. He later began a career in coal mining, moved his family to Coshocton, Ohio, in 1962 and retired as vice president and co-owner of Auger Mining Co. in 1982.

Glover was a founding member of the VFW in Dawson Springs and was bestowed the honor of Kentucky Colonel in 2010. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, story telling, Ohio State Buckeye football and, above all else, his family. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

In addition to his par-



CLEATUS GLOVER

ents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 69 years, Charity; a daughter, Barbara Jo; a son-in-law, Don Cole; and four sisters, Patsy Kohutek, CoLene Cluck, Jerry Higgins and Tina Ford.

Survivors include a daughter, Dee Ann Cole of Columbus, Ohio; a son, David Kent (Chris) Glover of Coshocton, Ohio; two grandsons, Jason Glover and Jordan Glover; four sisters, Katherine Fox, Zeta Noga, Joyce Glass and Floedith Stills; and many nephews, nieces and their families.

Pallbearers will be Jason Glover, Jordan Glover, Tony Higgins, Jeff Glass, Steve Simmons and Jim Simmons.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any hospice or favorite charity.

Services To Be Thursday For Donald M. Martin

The funeral for Donald Morris Martin, 76, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until the funeral hour Thursday.

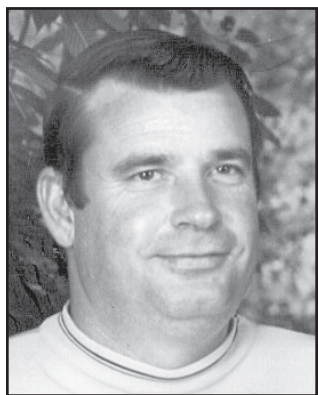
Martin died Feb. 21, 2015, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born Dec. 25, 1938, in Hopkins County, to the late Henry J. and Gracie Pearl Davis Martin.

He was a retired coal miner with Dotiki Mines and attended Lafayette Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Clarence Eugene Martin, Gayle Wayne Martin and John Lewis Martin; and three sisters, Barbara Lou Martin, Novella Mae Lynn and Roetta Jo Hudleston.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Betty Lou Adams Martin of Dawson Springs; two



DONALD MARTIN

daughters, Barbara Lou Shipp and Julie Estelle Yeager, both of Dawson Springs; a son, Timothy Martin of Dawson Springs; three sisters, Izella Pearl Martin, Annette Cummings and Bernedette Scott; three brothers, Henry Amon Martin, William Anthony Martin and Dan Houston Martin; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jim Adams, Michael Adams, Colby Thorpe, Bradley Brown and Mendell Scott.

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OPINION

ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

They shouldn't get away with it

Thou shalt not steal. (Exodus 20:15)
This is the eighth of the Ten Commandments. It appears to be very straight forward, but there are some who would like to muddy the waters about just what stealing is.

Most everyone would agree that entering a market place and taking something without paying for it is stealing.

However, there might be a disagreement about whether it's truly stealing when wasting time at work — such as spending time on the cell phone with personal business.

Those same companies that are stolen from by employees are also many times guilty of stealing from their customers by shoddy business practices and false advertising.

The Bible expounds on Exodus 20:15 when it says, "You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. ...You shall not cheat your neighbor nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning." (Leviticus 19:11, 13)

Many of our politicians think we need to post copies of the Ten Commandments in government buildings, but some of those same politicians would be guilty of breaking commandment number eight over and over and over.

Politicians rob from us — but not as many of us think by taking money we earn through taxes. The Bible is explicit about how we should pay taxes to the government.

But when that same government tells us we can buy a specialty license plate and the \$10 extra we pay for it will be used for a specific cause and then they rob that money to use it for something else, they have not only stolen, they have broken a promise — which I think is covered under another commandment.

The "Other Editors" from The Courier-Journal published on this page tells of how the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund's money from the sale of their specialty license plate has been stolen by politicians.

Chalk this one up with many other instances when our governors, representatives and senators have robbed us the taxpayers.

Some other instances are:

- The Kentucky lottery, which when passed, we were promised all the money would be used for higher education and now much of it is siphoned off for general fund spending.
- Social Security. Our legislators in Washington, D.C., have taken money from that fund in order to balance budgets and never paid it back.
- State pensions. Our wonderful lawmakers in Frankfort took the money which should have been paid into the pension systems in our state and used it to balance previous state budgets.

If you or I used this type of borrowing — er stealing — don't think the police wouldn't come knocking on our doors to whisk us away for our crime.

It's a crime politicians are allowed to get away with. We the people should expect more and get more out of them.

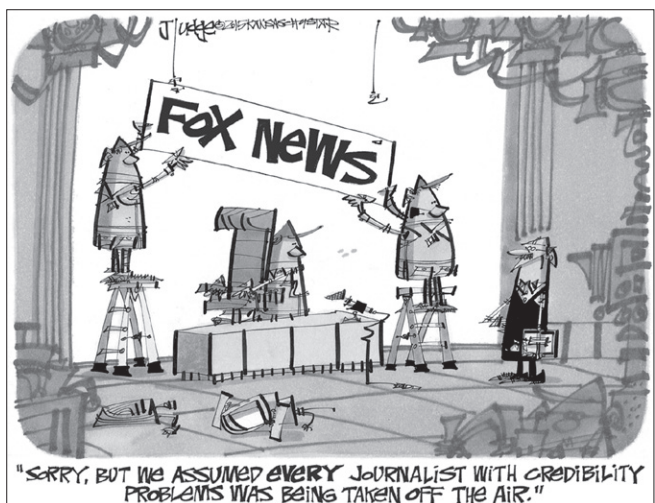
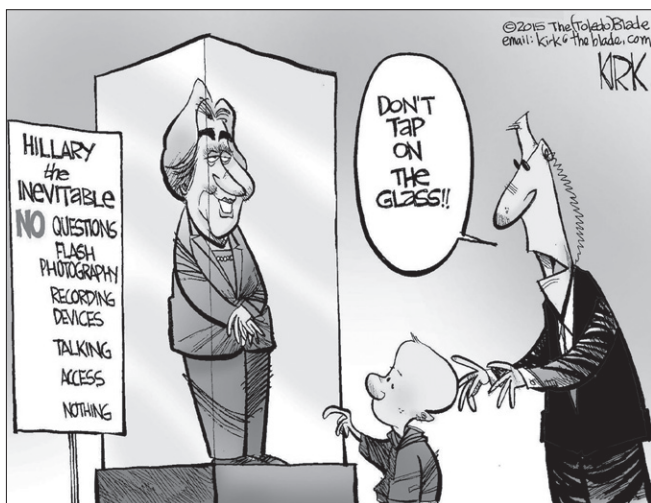
We should make these things a crime, and the perpetrators should be punished — just as you or I would be for stealing from our neighbors.

I wonder if there is a judge anywhere who would issue a warrant for their arrest?

It's always good to let a little steam off — then to follow that up with something even more comical than politicians. Hopefully women will find this as amusing as I'm sure men will...

—These are rules made by men. Please note, they are all numbered "one" on purpose!

1. Men are not mind readers.
1. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl.
- If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down.
1. Sunday sports — it's like the full moon or the changing of the tides — let it be.
1. Crying is blackmail.
1. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work! Just say it.
1. Yes and no are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.
1. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.
1. Anything we said six months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after seven days.
1. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.
1. If something we said can be interpreted two ways and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.
1. You can either ask us to do something or tell us how you want it done — not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.
1. Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.
1. Christopher Columbus did not need directions and neither do we.
1. All men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.
1. If it itches, it will be scratched. We do that.
1. If we ask what is wrong and you say, "Nothing," we will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle.
1. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.
1. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine — really!
1. Don't ask us what we're thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as baseball, football, cars or golf.
1. You have enough clothes.
1. You have too many shoes.
1. I am in shape. Round is a shape!
1. Thank you for reading this. Yes, I know, I have to sleep on the couch tonight. But, did you know men really don't mind that? It's like camping.



Commentary...

Minimum-wage raise isn't all good

By Jim Waters

A new Bluegrass Institute report by Western Kentucky University economist Brian Strow suggests the consequences of raising the minimum wage are more severe in some parts of the country — and among certain demographic groups — than others.

Strow, Ph.D., notes that minimum-wage workers comprise 6.3 percent of the workforce in the East South Central Census region, where Kentucky is located, but only 1.5 percent of Pacific Region employees.

That's why the \$10.10 minimum wage proposed by the Obama administration would have a bigger and more-negative effect on the commonwealth's business community than a similar increase in, say, Washington state, where a much-smaller percentage of the workforce earns the minimum wage.

"The states that see the largest escalation in unemployment from a minimum-wage increase are those with the lowest wages, which is why Kentucky's unemployment rate spikes relative to the U.S. rate when the federal minimum wage is increased," Strow writes.

And if Washington should not do it because of the harm it would cause states like ours, then surely our own state Senate should stop the Kentucky House's plan to raise the commonwealth's minimum wage to \$10.10.

Not understanding the difference in the impact minimum-wage increases have on various regions exposes economic illiterates like Louisville Metro Council member Attica Scott who, during the recent debate

about raising her city's minimum wage, spurned Mayor Greg Fischer's compromise offer of \$8.75 as keeping low-wage workers "economically enslaved."

Scott suggests that \$10.10 still wouldn't be nearly enough — pointing to Seattle's \$15 minimum wage.

But government-forced wage hikes don't affect all areas equally; nowhere do they occur in a vacuum.

Which workers, for instance, does Scott think are the first let go when a company shrinks payroll in order to stay in business? It's those lowest on the totem pole.

"Workers in a market economy are not paid above their marginal-revenue product for extended periods of time," Strow teaches. "The employers will only hire employees if their wages (plus benefits) are less per hour than the company brings in per hour in new revenue generated by the employees' presence. Employers will not pay someone \$10.10 hourly to bring in \$8 an hour of new revenue."

Strow explains that a person "whose skill set combined with the circumstances of time and place allows them to bring in \$8 an hour of extra revenue to a firm will be hired if the minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour but will lose said job in many businesses if the minimum wage is increased above \$8 an hour.

That's because businesses adjust in myriad ways to government-forced wage hikes, including



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reducing employees, cutting current workers' hours, automation (remember when a human being used to check your bags at the airport?) or closing their doors.

Neither are all demographic groups equally affected by minimum-wage hikes.

According to the Census, for example, more than half of minimum-wage workers are between

16 and 24 years old.

Strow argues that young people looking for work were most affected by past minimum-wage increases — a trend he believes would only worsen with another hike now. Youth employment fell between March 1990 and July 2014 from 47.1 percent to 27.1 percent; youth employment is barely more than half what it was 25 years ago.

He doesn't believe it's a coincidence that such a sharp drop in youth employment occurred during a period of steep increases in the minimum wage, which rose 40 percent — from \$3.35 to today's \$7.25 per hour.

"Youth employment is almost half of what it was 25 years ago," Strow said. "A climb up the income ladder begins by placing one's foot on the lowest bar. If society truly wants more people moving up the income ladder, it must stop removing the lowest rungs of that ladder."

Jim Waters is president of the Bluegrass Institute, Kentucky's free-market think tank. Reach him at jwaters@freedomkentucky.com.

Other editors

The government is cheating us

Nature lovers believing they are helping to preserve some of Kentucky's greatest treasures, its lands, forests and streams, just got a rude surprise about the special "nature" state license plate they purchase.

Proceeds from the \$10 extra they pay for the plate, supposed to go to the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund, instead are being siphoned off for the ever-insufficient state General Fund and used for other purposes, The Courier-Journal's Tom Loftus reported Saturday.

So money supposed to help buy and preserve Kentucky's natural areas instead is helping plug holes in the state budget, spent for purposes ranging from purchasing pencils to filling shortfalls in pensions and education.

What's worse, as this newspaper has pointed out repeatedly, the license fee heist is only a fraction of the sleight-of-hand that goes on in Frankfort as governors and lawmakers seek desperately to meet basic state budget needs without enough revenue to do the job.

Since raising or restructuring taxes apparently is off the table, governors propose and lawmakers approve suspending laws that would otherwise prevent them from scooping up money from a host of small agencies, licensing boards and other entities to use for other purposes.

As Mr. Loftus pointed out, the current, 2-year budget for 2014-16 filled in the gaps with \$285 million from 50 such sources, "notwithstanding" the fact state law specifies the money be used for other purposes. That's the actual language the legislature uses in the budget bill, one of the most dangerous documents in Frankfort.

"Notwithstanding" what the law says, the governor and legislators rely on that term to produce a budget bill filling in gaps with someone else's money.

Nothing is sacred. Not only do lawmakers raid license fees paid by professionals such as doctors and nurses, they take funds earmarked for higher education.

Proceeds from the Kentucky Lottery — approved by voters in 1998 with a pledge it would benefit education — by law are supposed to go to college financial aid.

Yet, since 2008, lawmakers have been dipping into that till, notwithstanding state law, to divert an increasing amount to the General Fund. In the coming fiscal year, the budget siphons off \$43 million in lottery money supposed to help Kentucky students

pay for college.

But about those nature license plates.

The current, 2-year budget takes \$8 million in license plate fees from the land conservation fund, leaving the small agency with virtually no money to fund various groups that buy and manage natural areas deemed worthy of preservation.

"It means this program is virtually going to be unable to do its job," said Dr. Richard Kessler, chairman of the land conservation fund.

Kessler suggests that nature lovers who want their \$10 license plate fee used for its lawful purpose should make themselves heard.

"If they're upset, talk to their legislators and the governor," he said.

We agree.

To leave a message for a legislator, call 1-800-372-7181. Gov. Steve Beshear's office is (502) 564-2611.

If you need to determine who is your state senator or state representative, go to lrc.state.ky.us.

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005.)

Mance Chappell and Joseph Amundson, members of the Dawson Springs High School academic team, earned tickets to the State Governor's Cup next month.

Panther girls won 66-53 at home against McLean County Friday night. The boys knocked off McLean County 73-62.

The Panther boys beat Livingston Central 67-57 Tuesday, Feb. 15.

William Chandler Simons celebrated his second birthday at two parties with relatives and friends.

Grayson Eli Brewer was born Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. He weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces.

The funeral for Cynthia Frances Bell, 91, was held Monday afternoon, Feb. 21, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

The funeral for Russell David "Butch" Dean, 59, was held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Menser Cemetery.

The funeral for Ola Mae Trotter, 90, was held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Union Temple Cemetery.

The funeral for Virginia Pauley, 82, was held Monday afternoon, Feb. 21, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

25 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Feb. 22, 1990.)

The funeral for Lela Jones Gunther, 93, was held Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 20, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Creekmur Cemetery.

Last rites for Emma Lois Hensley, 78, was held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 15, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Hawkins Cemetery.

Last rites for Dolon F. Edmiston, 90, was held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Homesite Cemetery.

50 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Feb. 25, 1965.)

The public issue of common stock at \$10.00 per share par value will go on sale by the motel corporation immediately for the 50-unit resort motel to be built here on the New Century lot.

Edward Thomason has purchased the Inglis Texaco Service Station.

On Friday, Feb. 12, Kevin Clay Holt enjoyed a delightful party at his home in honor of his fourth birthday.



Other editors

More people are concerned about ISIS

The political winds in the U.S. are shifting with regard to the terror group ISIS, even as the president and Congress wrestle with the issue of what type of force to use against it.

A CNN/ORC International poll released recently shows that 57 percent of those surveyed disapprove of the way President Obama is handling the ISIS threat, compared to 40 percent who approve.

When asked how the U.S. effort to combat ISIS is going, 58 percent say it is going moderately to very badly, while 41 percent say it is going moderately to very well.

On the question of whether Congress should give Obama an authorization for use of military force (AUMF) against ISIS, 78 percent say yes versus 21 percent who say no.

But on what is the touchiest question for Obama, the issue of whether to commit ground troops to the fight against ISIS, sentiment has decidedly shifted. The poll shows 47 percent of people favor committing ground troops to the effort, while 50 percent oppose the idea and 3 percent have no opinion.

That's a marked change over the past five months. In late September of last year pollsters asked the same question. At that juncture 60 percent of those surveyed opposed use of combat ground troops, while only 38 percent favored the idea.

This is significant because Obama has shown himself over the course of his presidency to be attentive to polls, particularly where U.S. military involvement is concerned. It was polls showing a war-weary public that led to his accelerated withdrawals of ground troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

But Americans are clearly growing more concerned as ISIS expands its territory and with that puts on ever-more-brutal displays of inhumanity. ISIS' reach had previously been limited to territory the group holds in Syria and Iraq. But over the week-

end it demonstrated it has now established a foothold in Libya. There the group beheaded 21 Egyptian Coptic Christians. They were migrant laborers who had been kidnapped by ISIS in December and January. With the atrocity ISIS demonstrated it now has a foothold on territory 500 miles from the southern tip of Italy. Its members boasted in a video of the executions that they would "conquer Rome."

These developments are consistent with President Obama's observation during his recent request for an AUMF against ISIS that "If left unchecked, (ISIS) will prove a threat beyond the Middle East, including to the U.S. homeland."

Obama is trying to walk a fine line in his AUMF request between his reticence to commit U.S. ground troops to yet another Middle East conflict and the growing reality that offensive ground troops probably will be required to deliver on the president's promise to "degrade and destroy" the terror group.

We don't think the American people have grown any less war weary. But we think what the polls are showing is that they are reluctantly coming to the view that ISIS is a threat to the U.S. that has to be countered, and that we need to commit the assets to the effort that are necessary to do the job.

It is ironic that with each new atrocity boasted of by ISIS, the resolve of the American people to do something about them grows. Obama for now is seeking an AUMF that does not allow for "enduring offensive combat operations." As always he is sensitive to the politics of the situation. But what the polls seem to show – and the president should take comfort in it – is that when push comes to shove on how to defeat ISIS, the American people are ready to give him room to operate.

—The Paducah Sun

Moment in time...

- On Feb. 25, 1828, John Adams, son of President John Quincy Adams, marries his first cousin and inadvertently follows a pattern of keeping marriages within the family. John Adams' grandfather, President John Adams, had married his third cousin. John's daughter also married a family member -- her second cousin.

- On Feb. 24, 1938, Variety reports that the film studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has bought the rights to adapt L. Frank Baum's children's novel "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" for the screen, and that MGM has cast 16-year-old Judy Garland in the film's central role, Dorothy.

- On Feb. 27, 1942, the U.S. Navy's first aircraft carrier, the Langley, is sunk by Japanese warplanes, and all of its 32 aircraft are lost. The Langley had parted company from its convoy when nine Japanese twin-engine bombers attacked. Of the 300 crewmen, only 16 were lost

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Other editors

It's time to figure the cost

Let's say you have no moral qualms about the death penalty. You also think, despite compelling evidence to the contrary, that our justice system is meting out the irreversible punishment fairly with negligible errors.

You still might not consider the perceived benefits of prosecuting and sentencing a criminal to death worth the cost when compared to some other sentence such as life without parole — if you knew the cost, which in Kentucky we don't.

Legislators, who are entrusted with budgeting tax dollars to meet many competing underfunded needs, should want to know the cost to taxpayers. In fact, they should demand to know.

Bipartisan resolutions have been introduced in both chambers that would authorize a task force to study the death penalty's cost to the state before the 2016 General Assembly convenes.

Senate Resolution 11 and House Resolution 30

have bipartisan support, which makes sense since their bottom line is making the best use of tax dollars, a bipartisan concern.

A blue ribbon panel of Kentuckians convened by the American Bar Association studied the death penalty in our state and issued a troubling report in 2011.

Since 1976 when Kentucky reinstated capital punishment, 78 people have been sentenced to death. Of those, 52 have had a death sentence overturned on appeal or been granted clemency — an error rate of about 60 percent. Three individuals have been executed.

The panel did not study how much that record has cost taxpayers, however, and neither has anyone else. A responsible legislature would fill the knowledge gap.

—Lexington Herald-Leader

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Letter to the editor

Make a vet feel good

Dear Editor,

Many of our male veterans wear caps that acknowledge their branch of service. When I see a fellow veteran wearing his service cap, I will often go out of my way to thank him for his service.

We do this for each other. We know what we had to do to earn the right to wear these caps. Many of our veterans are left with various physical challenges and terrible memories of things experienced in war.

If you want to make a veteran feel good, just walk up and shake his hand and give him a genuine thanks

for defending freedom.

It troubles me that most of our female veterans are almost invisible. They don't wear the caps and shirts that are worn by the men. It would be nice if the women veterans would wear something that lets us know they are veterans.

I think our women veterans deserve the same thanks for their service time. I'm sure they would feel very much appreciated.

If you run into a chance meeting with a female veteran, just say, "Thank you for your service."

Richard Chiodo
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Special Kynect Enrolling Extended Through April

The official kynect open enrollment ended at midnight Feb. 15 with more than 158,000 Kentuckians signing up for private health insurance or Medicaid coverage.

Gov. Steve Beshear announced yesterday that a special enrollment period will begin March 2 and continue through April 30 to give those Kentuckians unaware of possible tax penalties more time to sign up.

“We had a tremendously successful second open enrollment period with many new individuals signing up or continuing their health coverage through kynect,” said Beshear. “However, we believe that many Kentuckians did not realize those who do not obtain health coverage could face significant penalties when they file their taxes. And given that the personal risks of not having health coverage are even greater than the penalties, we have decided to continue a special enrollment period to allow those individuals more time to sign up.”

The Internal Revenue Service penalty for not obtaining health coverage for the 2014 calendar year is \$95 for each household member or one percent of income, whichever is

greater. That penalty will increase in 2015 to \$325 for each household member or two percent of income, whichever is greater.

Individuals taking advantage of this special enrollment period will still owe a fee for any months they were uninsured and did not qualify for an exemption in 2014 and 2015. This special enrollment period is designed to allow such individuals the opportunity to get covered for the remainder of the year and avoid additional fees for 2015.

Kynect offers an array of options for Kentuckians — whether they qualify for Medicaid or enroll in one of the many qualified health plans offered on the exchange. Medicaid-eligible individuals whose income falls between 100 and 138 percent of the federal poverty level will still have to pay a penalty if they do not sign up, and they can enroll at any time. For many Kentuckians, subsidies may make the cost of health coverage less than the potential tax penalties. For example:

•In 2015, a 30-year-old in Lexington making \$20,000 would qualify for a subsidy and pay \$37.44 for a full year of bronze coverage or pay a \$400

penalty and remain uninsured.

•In 2015, a 25-year-old in Louisville making \$40,000 would qualify for a subsidy and pay \$604.08 for a full year of bronze coverage or pay an \$800 penalty and remain uninsured.

The 158,685 people who have enrolled in health care coverage through kynect for 2015 include 102,830 who have either newly enrolled in a qualified health plan since Nov. 15, 2014, or renewed the private insurance plan they purchased through kynect last year.

“Individuals who made a good faith effort to complete their enrollment with kynect prior to the Feb. 15, 2015, deadline but were unable to do so due to technical difficulties with the application process or problems reaching the call center do not need to worry. Kynect staff will be available to help them complete their application through Feb. 28, 2015, so they can make sure they have the coverage they need this year,” said Carrie Banahan, executive director of kynect. “And our support system will be available when the new enrollment period launches to assist individuals with obtaining coverage.”

Daniel M. Adcock Pleads Guilty

Daniel M. Adcock, 34, of Dawson Springs, pleaded guilty in Hopkins County Circuit Court Monday to one count of possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

Adcock was originally

charged with unlawful use of an electronic communication system to procure a minor/sex offense and two counts of possessing/viewing matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor. He was indicted April 29, 2014.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Kathy Senter recommended a year sentence, including compliance with the sex offender registry and other statutory requirements.

Formal sentencing is scheduled for May 4.



JON BLALOCK , South Hopkins Water superintendent, clears snow from his truck on South Main Street Tuesday, Feb. 16, in front of the water office. Under the heavy snow cover, the shrubs across the street at the Health Care Center took on the appearances of small wigwams.

WINTER MAINTAINS ICY GRIP

—Continued from front page

precipitation have caused hardships of various types, but the situation is not unprecedented. In January 1994, temperatures dropped to minus 30 degrees in many locations in the state as a winter storm blanketed Kentucky with ice, sleet and snow. An all-time record low for Kentucky of minus 37 was set at Shelbyville on Jan. 19, 1994.

Meanwhile, this year’s cold temperatures continue. The Kentucky Mesonet reported a low of minus 32 degrees in Madison County early Friday morning — 64 degrees colder than at the same time in Bismark, N.D.

Other Central and Eastern Kentucky locations recorded Friday morning lows in the minus 20s, according to the Kentucky Mesonet. Harrison County was at minus 27; Johnson County, minus 26; Owsley County, minus 25; Bath County, minus 24; Nicholas and Rowan counties, minus 23. These were recorded air temperatures and did not factor in wind chill.

Records were broken at several Kentucky airports Friday.

The temperature at Blue Grass Airport in Lexington fell to minus 18, shattering the old record low for the date of zero degrees. Capital City Airport in Frankfort recorded a low of minus

21, breaking its old record of minus 3 degrees. Louisville International Airport was at minus 6 on Friday, which broke the old record of zero degrees for that date. The temperature at Warren County Airport in Bowling Green dropped to minus 4, breaking its record of minus 3.

All four previous records were set in the 1800s.



THIS ditch beside an alley between South Main Street and Meadows Hill Drive took on a unique appearance Sunday, Feb. 22, with the little snow bridges crossing at intervals.

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Nothing matches the thrill and excitement of the **BIG DANCE**. And with the No. 1 ranked team in the country, Kentucky coach John Calipari and the CATS are poised to bring home the school's ninth NCAA Championship in 2015.

Everything you need to know about the 2015 NCAA Tournament will be in this 32 page special supplement --- NCAA brackets, region by region previews, preview on UK, and much more. Then each week look for the updated tournament brackets inside your **Dawson Springs Progress**.

Wednesday, March 18



THE 2015 Knights of Columbus Owensboro Regional Free Throw Challenge was held Sunday, Feb. 22, at Henderson Holy Name School gym, sponsored by Henderson Knights of Columbus #1320. **Winners are eligible to participate in the State Free Throw Challenge Sunday, March 15, at Christ The King gymnasium in Lexington. Winners and their age groups are (front, from left) Bryce McFarland, 11, South Fulton, Tenn.; Dilyn Skinner, 10, Madisonville; Wyatt Jenkins, 9, Owensboro; Reese Hagan, 9, Morganfield; Caitlyn Pease, 10, Sturgis; (back) Kevin Brooks, 14, Dawson Springs; Jordan Brown, 13, South Fulton, Tenn.; Cade Malray, 12, South Fulton, Tenn.; Raigan Price, 11, Sturgis; and Jaycee Waddell, 12, Morganfield; Denisha Randolph, 13, Dawson Springs. Not available for photo was Erin Orten, 14, Dawson Springs.**

submitted photo

7th District Tournament games are rescheduled

The 7th District Basketball Tournament at Caldwell County High School, scheduled to begin Monday, was pushed back to Tuesday.

The Panther boys and girls teams played on the opening night with the girls facing Madisonville-North Hopkins and the boys tipping off against Caldwell County. The scores were not available at press time.

The cancellation was apparently due to the county schools not being in session on Mon-

day. Dawson Springs students did have classes Monday.

The tournament is scheduled to continue Wednesday. On the girls' side, Caldwell County will play Hopkins County Central at 6 p.m. That game will be followed by a boys game between Hopkins County Central and Madisonville-North Hopkins.

The championship games are now scheduled for Friday with the girls tipping off at 6 p.m., followed by the boys game.

Games canceled for week

Every regular season basketball game the Panther boys and girls had scheduled last week was canceled due to inclement weather.

The Panther girls were scheduled to play four away games, at Fort Campbell, Community Christian Academy, Russellville

and Whitesville Trinity. The boys were scheduled to play two games on the road against Community Christian Academy and Whitesville Trinity.

The Panthers' regular season ended with the girls posting a 5-19 record and the boys having a 5-20 record.



DSHS homecoming king and queen, with their royal court, at the basketball game Saturday, Feb. 7, are (from left) Schyuler Storms, Kaitlynn Huddleston, Atley Solo-

mon, Alex Mathis, Christina Norris, Trace Menser, Cameron Riley, Steven Bearden, Tiki Robinson, Callie Menser, Jordan Adams, Lily Butts, Noah Morris and Reagan Riggs.

And the answer is: Big Blue Nation Jeopardy Game

By Mike Lopresti
NCAA.com

The Big, Big, Big Blue Nation rolls on, with no end in sight. Except maybe April 6 in Indianapolis.

So how about a game of Kentucky Jeopardy? First, we give the answers, using some of those Wildcat statistics from the sports information office that are making the needle on the wow-o-meter jump. Then, the questions. It's one way to understand the sheer tonnage of numbers piling up at the moment in Lexington.

Answer is ... 22 minutes and 11 seconds.

How long has Kentucky trailed in five games and 200 minutes against five ranked opponents — Kansas, Providence, North Carolina, Texas and Louisville? Or probably only double what it took to get through five pre-game national anthems. For the entire season, the 27-0 Wildcats have been behind for only

149 minutes out of 1,095.

Answer is ... 992 and 996.

How many points has Kentucky scored in the first and second halves this season? Consistency, might be the word to come to mind.

Answer is ... 35.2 percent, by Stanford in 2000.

What's the best season defensive field goal percentage ever recorded since the NCAA began officially keeping track of the number nearly 40 years ago? Kentucky's, by the way, is currently at 34.2.

Answer is ... 29.6.

What's the shooting percentage allowed Kentucky's five ranked opponents? That included the 19.6 brick-a-thon by Kansas.

Answer is ... 188.

How many of the 1,461 shots taken by Kentucky opponents have been swatted away? That translates to 13 percent, or nearly one block in every eight field goal attempts.

Answer is ... zero.

How many Kentucky players rank in the top 250 nationally in scoring average? Devin Booker and Aaron Harrison are the current Wildcat co-leaders at a modest 11.0. The difference between No. 1 on the Kentucky list and No. 7 is 3.5 points a game. Eight different players have led or co-led the team in scoring in a game.

Answer is ... 23.5.

How many minutes, on average, do Kentucky's starters play in a game? John Calipari just sends in the next wave. "I can't imagine what their practices are like," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. The starters at Duke and Wisconsin average 30 minutes.

Answer is ... six.

How many of its 27 opponents have finished within single digits of Kentucky? The current average margin of victory is 22.1. The average winning margin against the five ranked opponents is 17.2.

Answer is ... 100-4.

What is Calipari's record

as a Kentucky coach in Rupp Arena? "This is a hard place for an opponent to come and play," he was saying. Yeah, and the Arctic Ocean is a hard place to go and water ski.

Answer is ... four.

How many players in the Kentucky rotation are 6-foot-10 or taller?

Answer is ... 59 percent.

What is the percentage of Kentucky baskets that come off assists? The Wildcats had 25 assists against Auburn. Compare and contrast to that the Kentucky-Louisville game. The Cardinals had one.

Answer is ... one hour and 45 minutes.

How long, according to Calipari, are Kentucky's longest practices right now? He said he is even giving the Wildcats two days off a week. "Last year at this time, we were practicing three hours a day," he said. "I trust them. I trust giving them time. I couldn't do it last year."

Answer is ... three.

How many different schools has Calipari coached to 26-0 starts? Massachusetts, Memphis and Kentucky. This is the first time he's gone 27-0. This is the fourth in 20 years he is coaching the last unbeaten team standing.

Answer is ... 88 feet.

What's the combined wing span of Kentucky's 13 scholarship players, according to the school's sports information department? In other words, you could line up the 13 Wildcats and nearly go baseline to baseline.

Answer is ... nine

How many of the 27 opponents managed to score more than 55 points against Kentucky this season? Meanwhile, the Wildcats have been held under 60 four times — and won those four by an average of 13 points a game.

Answer is ... seven.

How many unbeaten national champions have there been? That's a number we might need to keep handy in a few weeks.

Auburn, Pearl are 27th victims for UK Wildcats

By Guy Ramsey
UKAthletics.com

Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl knew all about Kentucky's post play even before he brought his Auburn team to Rupp Arena.

On Saturday, he witnessed it up close and in person.

"They are very physical defensively," Pearl said. "And it's nothing like anything we've seen all year long. What they do offensively as far as pounding it inside, there's nobody in the league who's even close to that."

And by the Wildcats' high standards, they even turned things up a notch for the Tigers.

of 7 from the field and made quick, decisive moves in doing so.

"It's about getting deeper position," Johnson said. "That's what Coach has been telling me, so I won't have to take as many dribbles and stuff. I can take one or two dribbles then go right up. That's what we've been trying to focus on the last couple of games."

Johnson's worthiest opposition on Saturday wasn't the opposition at all. It was Marcus Lee.

Midway through the second half, Johnson found himself in prime offensive-



rebounding position when Devin Booker missed a short jumper. But instead of Johnson grabbing the rebound and putting it in for an easy two points, Lee streaked in trailing the play and dunked over his teammate.

"I tried to get the offensive rebound and then somebody just came over the back," Johnson said. "I was like — I was mad at first because it was my offensive rebound, then I saw Marcus. So it was crazy."

Johnson went sprawling and Lee tripped over him.

"We were very confused, because we both ended up on the floor, and he was like, 'You jumped over me and fell on me,'" said Lee, who had six points and eight rebounds on the night when Tony Delk, who preceded Lee in wearing number 00, had his jersey retired. "I was like, 'Sorry.' It was kind of like a big awk-

wardness."

Awkwardness aside, the play gave a little insight into what it looks like when the Cats go at each other on the practice floor.

For a brief time, Coach Cal backed off in practice anticipating the stretch run. The result, however, was a step back in games, most notably in the post. But in recent weeks, he's turned the heat back on. UK's smothering of Auburn is proof it's working.

Their inside presence re-established and Johnson and Towns scoring at will on post-up opportunities, the Cats forced Auburn into a series of impossible defensive choices in scoring a season-high 110 points.

"So are they going to try to front the post?" Calipari said. "Are they going to try to trap? If they do trap, are they trapping from a big guy? Are they trapping from a guard? Are they just going to dig? And then we had to play off of it, and we played well off of it. We kicked it out for 3s. We kicked it out for drives. We posted the ball when the court was spread."

UK converted 6-of-17 3-point tries, just below UK's shooting percentage of .362 in SEC play, making the Tigers pay for sending bodies at UK's bigs.

"They hunt shots," Pearl said. "They want them. If anybody goes zone now, their eyes get big, you know? That's a good thing. They throw it down in the post. They hardly wait for it to get kicked back out. And the deal is, they're so much more dominant on the inside, because those guys can score down there."

With Kentucky's interior play rounding into form and the rest falling into place behind it, the Cats appear well positioned to peak come March.

UK (steam) rolls on; Murray State, too

Just when the caterpillar thought the world was ending, he turned into a butterfly.

Twenty-seven wins in, Kentucky's basketball team is less a caterpillar; if it ever was, but, as the world turns to March, the Willie Cauley-Stein-led Wildcats are looking butterfly-ish.

Here's to watching Kentucky's team grow up.

✓ Against Auburn: 25 assists.
✓ Trey Lyles came around a low post pick by Karl-Anthony Towns with energy and expectation instead of nonchalance ... turned into the lane, impeccably timed pass delivered — score and one.

✓ Tyler Ulis' mid-floor no-look assist to Willie Cauley-Stein against Auburn was freshman-of-the-year-worthy.

✓ Devin Booker's shot motion.
✓ Marcus Lee hurdles down the lane ... put-back slam against Auburn ... growing up.

✓ With February wins at Florida, LSU and Tennessee in the books, John Calipari is less hysterical these days, has spent more time inside the coach's box, and looks more worthy of national coach of the year candidacy.

✓ For MVP fans — kids in Big Blue Nation — reasons for optimism that Ulis, Booker and Lee return next season.

✓ **Postscript.** Just wondering: How would Kentucky be different if Kyle Wiltjer was in Lexington instead of Spokane?

Pearl pearls on Wildcats

Who is more quotable in college hoops than ex-ESPN analyst Bruce Pearl?

“What (Kentucky does) offensively ... pounding it inside, there's nobody in the league who's even close to that.

“They're better shooting the ball from the perimeter. They hunt shots. They want them. If anybody goes zone now, their eyes get big, you know?”

Kentucky go unbeaten? “... because of the character and chemistry, I think they certainly can. ... The



BOB WATKINS

Sports in Kentucky

one thing I would be a little concerned about, if (officials) let (UK) play, which I hope they would in a big game, they should have a real good chance. I would just hate if (officials) suddenly started calling it really different in the tournament.”

UofL's Knucklehead

Amazing how Rick Pitino (American Sniper with words?), can explain so much with a single shot. *Knucklehead*.

That two-year starter senior Chris Jones — 3.7-a-game assist leader and 13.6 points on a 12th ranked team that is NCAA tournament-bound team (and NBA draft chance on the line) — would risk confrontation with a hall of fame ball coach, defines *Knucklehead*.

Is Jones a major loss for Louisville team? Maybe.

Better spin and story line: Opportunity falls into lap of freshman Quentin Snider. Kentucky Mr. Basketball a year ago who withdrew his commit to UofL because he didn't feel enough love from Pitino, gets a promotion.

Bracketology

Longest win streaks in college hoops (at this writing) are Kentucky (27) and Murray State (22). When pairings for the NCAA Tournament are posted next month, if Steve Prohm's Racers win the OVC Tournament, history suggests Kentucky and Murray could be first round foes.

Crank up carousel

College basketball's other season is on the horizon. The Coach's Carousel for 2015 is already cranking up and promises promises to be entertaining.

Prime candidates for movin'-on-up jobs will be UK assistant Kenny Payne and Murray State's Steve Prohm.

Payne's resume built sitting next to John Calipari at Kentucky since 2010 will make his cell phone ring. Won't be an easy hire however; Payne's pay grade at UK is already a comfy seven figures.

Prohm's record at Murray is beyond exemplary. Stability and consistency, four 21-plus wins, three OVC titles in a row. At 40-years-old, he is prime time to be

next Murray State coach to job jump.

Only a coincidence, this intriguing link: Anthony Grant at Alabama may be among first coach let go this spring. Prohm is a 1997 Alabama graduate.

Freshmen ineligible?

In classic *Back-to-the-Future*, officials at Big Ten and Big 12 officials have put forth the (old) idea of making freshmen not eligible for varsity play as it was before 1972.

The idea moved one media type to be first launching into righteous yowl, freshman ineligibility, “... is going back to the dinosaur concept of making kids sit in service to academics...”

Dinosaur concept seems clever, but “making kids sit in service to academics,” is somewhere on the Dumb Scale between Stupid and Ridiculous. Accepting a free scholarship education is hardly servitude.

Any rule change that prods college administrators in the direction of its original intent, education, is noble and right. And, strikes a blow at the money changers before college sports are totally consumed by no-going-back profiteers.

Damien Harris

Since Madison Southern High football star Damien Harris signed with Alabama, Crimson Tide running back Tyren Jones was suspended, Altee Tenpenny transferred and senior-to-be T.J. Yeldon filed for the NFL draft.

Barring a red-shirt, Harris can compete with leading rusher Derrick Henry, back-up Kenyan Drake and newcomers Bo Scarbrough and DeSherrius Flowers, both of whom enrolled early.

Parting shot

Rick Pitino forgot to engage his brain before opening his mouth on the incident in Saturday's Miami game when Montrezl Harrell slammed a ball off Tonye Jekiri's face. UofL's coach asked why “that Miami doctor” would have allowed Jekiri to return if a concussion was suspected?

UofL's doctor cleared Jekiri to return. Oops. And so it goes.

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Improving fisheries to try this spring

By **LEE McCLELLAN**
Kentucky Afield Outdoors

The deepest snow since Bill Clinton roamed the White House pounded Kentucky this week, leaving in its wake stranded cars, sore backs from shoveling snow and grumbling citizens.

It seems remote now, but in just a couple of weeks, we'll be slipping on short sleeve fishing shirts and hitting the water. This bracing cold will soon pass.

Discovering emerging populations of sport fish in a lake or stream is a good skill to learn to increase your fishing success. It is also the easiest skill to learn concerning the outdoors.

Studying the 2015 Kentucky Fishing Forecast is all you need to do because fisheries biologists across the state recommend some improving fisheries to try each year. A printable version is available on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' webpage at fw.ky.gov.

The rainbow and brown trout in the Cumberland River didn't feel too good during the drawdown of Lake Cumberland to repair the ailing Wolf Creek Dam. The regular flushing of cold water into the Cumberland River slowed to a trickle in summer during the drawdown years and the once world class trout fishery in the river suffered. Things are really beginning to improve with the return of normal water levels in Lake Cumberland and the consequent higher flow into the river.

“We have more 12- to 15-inch rainbows in the Cumberland River than we have since 2007,” said Dave Dreves, fisheries research biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

The brown trout in the Cumberland are also doing much better and this fishery should improve markedly in the future. “We have many 11- to 12-inch brown trout in the river right now and a good chunk of 13 to 15 inchers,” Dreves explained. “There will be some good fishing over the next few years for these species.”

The brook trout stockings in the Cumberland River that began in 2011 with 11,000 fish are an unqualified success with two new state record fish caught last year. As brook trout grow and prosper in the Cumberland River, this state record will likely fall again multiple times over the next several years.

The rock bass in the Elkhorn Creek system are a seriously underutilized fishery and the stream holds a fantastic population of these fish.

“We are seeing the highest numbers in 20 years of rock bass 8 inches and longer as well as 6- to 8-inch fish in the creek,” said Jeff Crosby, central fisheries district biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

LBL wildlife refuges scheduled to re-open March 16

LBL news release

Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area will re-open Rushing Bay, Duncan Bay, Duncan Lake, Smith Bay, Fulton/Honker Bay, Honker Lake Refuge, Long Creek Waterfowl Refuge, and portions of Energy Lake on Monday, March 16th. Hematite Lake will also open for bank fishing only.

“These areas are closed November 1st through March 15th, primarily as waterfowl and eagle refuges. We appreciate public cooperation in protecting these important areas for wildlife,” said Steve Bloemer, Wildlife Program Manager at Land Between The Lakes. “Most wintering eagles and waterfowl will begin migrating back north by early to mid-March,

Kentucky Afield



KENTUCKY AFIELD PHOTO

Rainbow (top), brown (middle) and brook trout (bottom) are increasing in number and size in the Cumberland River below Lake Cumberland, making the river a top destination for a spring fishing trip. The annual Fishing Forecast produced by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources highlights several up and coming fisheries to try this year.

Rock bass make a great introductory fish for children or beginning anglers as they strike often and hard. Rock bass, also commonly called redeyes or goggle-eyes, bite willingly when other species refuse.

They make great sport on ultra-light spinning or spin-cast gear or on fly fishing equipment. Big rock bass often fool stream smallmouth bass anglers with a hard strike and determined fight, making the angler believe a nice smallmouth inhaled their offering, only to land an 8-inch rock bass.

Rock bass hang in eddies covered in foamy water, near undercut banks with exposed roots. They voraciously strike practically any in-line spinner cast near them, but also gobble 2-inch black curly-tailed grubs rigged on 1/16-ounce leadheads. Rock bass make excellent table fare with a firm, sweet flesh, comparable to bluegill in flavor.

The crappie fishing continues to improve in Lake Cumberland. Water now covers acres of young sycamore and other trees that sprouted on the exposed banks of the lake during the drawdown, making ideal crappie habitat. Population sampling conducted last year reveals a good population of 12- to 14-inch crappie in the lake.

“With the water levels back to normal, the fishing

allowing the refuges to be re-opened.”

Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area manages more than 170,000 acres in western Kentucky and Tennessee as part of the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Agriculture's public lands program. Land Between The Lakes offers outdoor recreation, lake access, land management, and environmental education to over 1.4 million visitors annually. The Friends of Land Between The Lakes works in partnership with the Forest Service providing program services, funds development, and volunteer support.

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HUBERT by Dick Winger

"None for me, thanks—I'm here on business."

LAFF A DAY

"If I were to become the new Miss Universe, the first thing I'd do is visit all the planets."

THE SPATS by Jeff Pickering

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OUT ON A LIMB by Gary Kopervas

RFD by Marland

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AMBER WAVES by Dave T. Phipps

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MAGIC MAZE ● — ROSE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Baby	China	Cotton	Tea
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Charlie	Coffee	Ground	Winter
Cherokee	Confederate	Japanese	

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: What South American country lies between Colombia and Peru?

2. ANATOMY: What is the common name for the maxilla?

3. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Michigan?

4. LITERATURE: What was the name of the alchemist who invented the Philosopher's Stone in the "Harry Potter" book series?

5. MUSIC: What is a quadrille?

6. TELEVISION: What was the name of the competing bar in the comedy show "Cheers"?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: By what other name do most people know Esther Pauline Friedman?

8. AD SLOGANS: "The dogs kids love to bite" were made by which company?

9. SYMBOLS: Which month of the year is named after the Roman god of war?

10. SCIENCE: What is the chemical element symbol for tungsten?

Answers

- Ecuador
- Jawbone
- Lansing
- Nicolas Flamel
- Dance with four couples in a square formation
- Gary's Olde Towne Tavern
- Ann Landers
- Armour
- March (Mars)
- W

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SUPER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Scared
- Side of a cut gem
- Fighting junk e-mail
- GMC truck
- Sunni's god
- "Mona Lisa"
- Danes wearing more frills?
- Easily caught baseball hits
- TV reception enhancers
- Tend the soil
- Court mallets
- SSgt., e.g.
- Steel city in the Ruhr
- Feldman acting more bashfully?
- Time spent in office
- Rubbish
- Angry with
- "Modern Family" ailer
- Certain quadrilateral
- One who's worshipped
- Griffin suffering more pain?

DOWN

- Leaning
- Engaged man
- Parish leader
- Singer India.—
- Papas of "Z"
- Mends, as holey socks
- Less true
- carte menu
- Film teaser
- British noble
- 2003-07 Fox drama series
- High mount
- Revived: Prefix
- First-rate
- "Actually ..."
- Gunfire burst
- Nosy sort
- "Someone Like You" singer
- Lichen-filled
- Film's actors
- Uterus
- Drug busters
- Hoopster
- Ming
- Newspaper employee
- tai
- "Button it!"
- polloi
- Happened to

ACROSS

- Vacuum tube variety
- Pastoral tract
- Spanish for "houses"
- Prefix with mobile
- Charles of chair design
- Founding father Franklin
- Hemingway feeling more uptight?
- Noblewoman
- Flowers from Mexico
- Med. scans
- Fisher using more off-color language?
- Believing in one God
- "Remember the —"
- "Splendor in the Grass" director Kazan
- John of lawn tractors
- I, to Klaus
- Import taxes
- Allen being more sly?
- Venue

DOWN

- Big company, investment-wise
- Swirly letter
- Around, as a year
- Warble
- "I — film today ..."
- (Beatles lyric)
- Buck looking more sickly?
- Nobelist Bohr
- Fleur-de- — (iris)
- Andean pack animals
- Light collision
- Minnow, e.g.
- Weird things
- Duchamp showing more serenity?
- Chastised loudly
- Kowtow, say
- Brown slowly
- Grinning villains, often
- Nobelist Irish poet
- Rococo

DOWN

- "Mad Money" host Jim
- Bad guy
- Pakistanis' neighbors
- Not foreign, as policy
- Lyric works
- "Judge not, — ye be judged"
- Tirana's land: Abbr.
- Dee lead-in
- Vendor's pushable vehicle
- "Do — say, not ..."
- "Grease" director Kleiser
- Hunting dogs
- Old Glory's country
- One being examined
- "Thor" actress Alexander
- Old Balkan region
- Lilly of drugs
- Come to light
- Jackie's #2
- "Cursest!"
- Jai —
- Basso Siepi

DOWN

- That girl's
- Here, to Fifi
- Fidel's friend
- Immerse
- Opposite
- Pretend
- Long-jawed fish
- Biblical beast
- Phillips rival
- Attire
- Lunar feature
- Defames in writing
- jet
- 100 Keys of R&B
- Least naive
- Singer Simpson
- Ruses
- John on the
- Mayflower
- Chili server
- Boxer
- Griffith
- Fortuitous
- Pole dance?
- "Oh My My" singer Ringo
- Lion's locks
- "SOS!," e.g.
- Drescher or Tarkenton
- Gift for music
- Many GPS lines: Abbr.
- Gathered

To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

Sleep Medications Linked to Falls

DEAR DR. ROACH: You've discussed sleep aids and your belief that it is best to get off all of this type of medication. I am healthy, 75 (take no meds), exercise with weights, do swimming and running regularly, and since 2007 have been taking an over-the-counter sleep aid called doxylamine nightly with no apparent side effects. Do you see a problem with continuing? -- A.B.

ANSWER: Unfortunately, I do see a problem. Odds are that you won't have a problem taking this medication; it's cheap and is effective for you. However, there is unequivocal, abundant, incontrovertible evidence that antihistamines like doxylamine or diphenhydramine increase fall risk. If you drive, they increase accident risk. They also can cause confusion.

Although the benefit to you from quitting is small, if I can get enough people to minimize their sleep medications, I know I will prevent some falls. Falls are so often the first step in a progression from health to disability that I want to do all I can to prevent them.

Adequate lighting in the house at nighttime, especially between the bedroom and bathroom, avoiding obstructions like area rugs and the addition of stairway railings and tub grab bars all help reduce fall risk. Exercise programs -- like the kind you are doing, but also tai chi -- are great at preventing falls. So is getting your eyes checked.

No single one of these interventions can prevent all falls. All of them together will prevent many. Your medication list, even a simple over-the-counter sleeping aid, is the best place to start looking to reduce risk of falls.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My dad has an extreme case of COPD and is on oxygen. He gets winded just walking across the house. Dad lives in Montana;

I live in Florida and would like him to come visit me during the cold Montana winters. I have heard that it would be easier for him to breathe at a lower altitude. But people have told him that if he comes to Florida, he would never be able to go back to Montana because he wouldn't be used to the altitude any longer. Is this true? -- D.W.

ANSWER: The lower oxygen levels at high altitude, like some cities in Montana, can be a real problem for people with any kind of chronic lung disease. In those cases, supplemental oxygen or a lower altitude can make people feel better and even live longer. Given that your dad is already on oxygen, a lower altitude would be similar to dialing up the oxygen a bit. He may certainly prefer Florida's winters to Montana's.

We begin to be accustomed to high altitude in a few days, but full acclimatization takes weeks. Your dad will be able to return home after his visit.

The booklet on COPD explains both emphysema and chronic bronchitis, the two elements of COPD, in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach -- No. 601W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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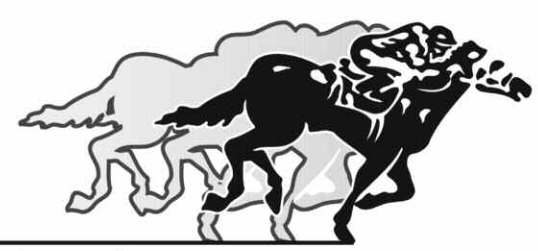
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Mitch Dahmke and Connie Hill of the Kentucky School for the Blind will give a presentation on student services and low vision skills. Other agencies to attend will be the Office for the Blind, Center for Accessible Living, Visually Impaired Preschool Services and Madisonville Community and Technical College Disability Service.

A free soup and salad meal will be provided. The MCTC student Lion's Club will volunteer. School administrators

and students are invited to this event also. Registration is suggested. To register, phone Robbin Cox at 270-994-3395.

Visionary Day for students who are blind or visually impaired will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 17 at the First Baptist Church of Madisonville. The theme for the day is A Touching Experience for Students — Exploring Art with the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Students will participate in sessions on art, dance, low vision skills, orientation and mobility, and technology.

In addition to agencies previously mention, those attending will be Lab Computers Inc. and the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation.

A free breakfast snack and lunch will be provided. School administrators, teachers and parents are invited.

Registration is required. Phone Robbin Cox at 270-994-3395 to register.



SHANE SHAW mails a letter when the Dawson Springs preschool visited the local post office Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Elder Abuse Council To Meet

The Hopkins/Muhlenberg Elder Abuse Council will meet at 9 a.m. March 3 at the Hopkins County Senior Center, 200 N.

Main St. in Madisonville. For additional information, contact Cindy Tabor at 270-886-9484 or Cindy.Tabor@ky.gov.



HAYDEN JOHNSON (left) is pictured with outgoing Kentucky Auctioneers President **Jeff Gerald**.

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Former Resident Honored As Kentucky Auctioneer

Hayden Johnson of Lebanon, formerly of Hopkins County, was inducted into the Kentucky Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame during the organization's 58th convention held recently in Bowling Green.

Johnson, a 1973 graduate of West Hopkins High School, has been an auc-

ioneer since 1982. He has served two terms on the board of directors of the Kentucky Auctioneers Association.

Johnson is the son of Perry Johnson of Beulah. He is the brother of Danny Johnson and Nancy Shelton, both of Dawson Springs.



THIS snow lady was created in the North Main Street neighborhood in the 1960s. The picture was submitted by Jenny Sewell, who was a first grader at that time. Dawson Springs got one foot of snow in March of that year, and these youngsters took advantage of the snowfall to exhibit their artistic talents. The sculpture was appalling to one parent, Mary Elizabeth Beshear, mother of our governor, who came out, saw the creation, and made the boys put a raincoat over it. Among the youngsters pictured are Steve Beshear, David Beshear, Virginia Ann Ridley, Carol Ann Freeman, two of the Coomer boys who were sons of the local First Methodist Church pastor at that time.

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Restrooms Closed Briefly At Beaver Dam Rest Area

Restrooms at the Beaver Dam Service and Rest Area on the Wendell Ford-Western Kentucky Parkway are closed for repairs as of yesterday.

The restrooms are expected to remain closed for three to four days. The convenience store and Arby's restaurant

will remain open during this time.

Message boards will be placed on ramp approaches to the rest area to alert motorists that no restrooms are available.

The rest area is at the 75 mile marker, about a mile west of the Natcher Parkway Interchange.

Local Students To Attend 4-H Event In Frankfort

Two Dawson Springs Elementary School students will attend 4-H: A Capitol Experience in Frankfort Tuesday.

Luke Ellis and Chevy Blanton, both fourth graders, have registered for the program.

Participants will discover how to be actively involved in influencing policy decisions; explore careers in public policy; learn how decisions at the state level impact local communities; network with 4-H members, volunteers and professionals from throughout the commonwealth, and discuss public policy issues.

Potential activities for students include visiting legislators, committees and agencies, the Kentucky History Museum



LUKE ELLIS

and House and Senate sessions; presentation to the governor in the rotunda; and tours of the Capitol and the governor's mansion.

Elementary 4-H members from Hopkins County will be transported to Frankfort by charter bus for the day.

Museum And Art Center To Open Tuesday At 1

The Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center will reopen at 1 p.m. Tuesday. The featured exhibit is the work of students in the art department in the local schools.

The museum's annual membership drive is under way and will continue through the month of March. A chili luncheon is planned for March 19 for

those who wish to join or renew their memberships.

New exhibits and several events will be held throughout the year. All members and friends are invited to visit the museum frequently.

For information, phone the museum at 270-797-3503. Hours are Monday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Ready Baby Fair Planned At Parkway Plaza Mall

The Hopkins County Community Early Childhood Council will sponsor its first Ready Baby Fair from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Parkway Plaza Mall in Madisonville.

Screenings will be performed for children

ages 2 months through 36 months. Information will be available about the developmental milestones for infants and toddlers and about giving children the skills needed for lifelong learning.

Church Saved From Fire By The 'Grace Of God'

From The Crittenden Press

Call it divine intervention.

Parishioners at Tolu Methodist Church returned to the pews Sunday after what could have been a devastating fire the week before canceled services.

In the hours before Sunday morning worship on Feb. 8, the small country church in northern Crittenden County was likely spared serious damage when a water line above a basement furnace that caught fire was compromised, apparently acting to extinguish the blaze.

"It must have acted

as a sprinkler system," said long-time church member Larry Tinsley. "I really believe it is by the grace of God that the building is still standing."

Tinsley said the fire must have occurred in about a two-hour span well before scheduled Sunday morning services.

"I went down there about 7:30 to do something before service and didn't smell anything," Tinsley recalled.

However, he said it was around 9:45 a.m. when another member arrived and detected the smell of smoke.

The source of the smoke was quickly found to be the church furnace, which had caught fire in a self-contained basement room. The furnace was a loss and smoke from the incident left soot throughout the church, but Tinsley said that was about the extent of the damage from the fire. About 40 gallons of water from the line burned in two above the furnace was vacuumed from the basement.

While the near-disaster canceled services that morning, Tinsley said everything fell into place to get the church reopened for this week's Sunday service. The furnace, of course, had to be replaced, as has much of the duct work that was full of soot. The church, too, had to be cleaned to remove all of the smoke damage.

"It came together nicely," Tinsley said of the short turnaround to make the church usable again.



DAWSON SPRINGS preschool students who visited the local post office Tuesday, Feb. 10, are (from left) Leland Sizemore, Shane Shaw, Levi Purdy, Braxton Robinson, Jett Miller, Tristan Foe, Alexander Barrientos, Emma Russell, Addi Coates and Odin Jones.